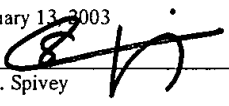


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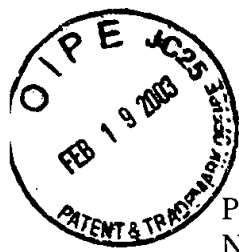
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of four (4) references cited in the enclosed search report issued in a corresponding French Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the French search report from the corresponding French Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.



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Sirs,

Pursuant to your request, please find enclosed the Preliminary Search Report issued in accordance with article R.612-57 from the Intellectual Property Code citing the documents, which can be taken into consideration to determine the novelty and the inventive activity of the invention.

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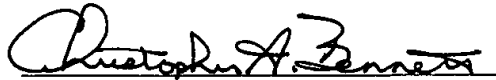
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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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